

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We have made an excellent start to the school year with numerous community events and additional school programs for our students. The students have been very settled and next term in Week 3 those students who are working well, following our school rules and our Levels expectations will move to Silver Level. This week many of our school community members celebrated EID which marks the end of Ramadan. It is a special time for our students and our community who spend time with their loved ones and enjoy good food together. The last day of Term 1 is Friday April 11 and all students return on Wednesday April 30. **Our Staff Development Days in Term 2 will focus** on planning and preparing quality lessons and activities for our High Potential and Gifted students. We already provide many opportunities for our students to excel in their interests and talents and we are always looking for how we can extend and grow these opportunities.

> Mrs Demos Principal

Follow us on Facebook to keep up to date with what is happening at WPPS.

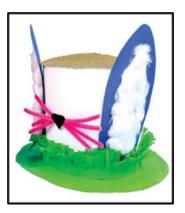
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- 28 April Staff Development Day 1
- 29 April Staff Development Day 2
- 30 April **STUDENTS RETURN** Day 1 of Term 2

K-2 EASTER HAT DISPLAY



Event: K-2 Easter Hat Display

When: Tuesday 8 April 2025

Time: 2.30pm



Parents/carers are invited to watch the display. Please arrive on time as the class displays will begin promptly.

Where: Under the Covered Outdoor Learning Area (COLA) in the playground. In the case of rain, the event will take place in the Primary Hall.

On the day of the event, students are to wear their full school uniform.

We look forward to seeing the students display their amazing hats on the day!!

Ms Leventis ES1 Supervisor Opportunity Class Test Information (for entry in 2026)

- The test date for OC test is 2-4 May 2025
- During the school holidays, please check your email and the application dashboard for information • about:
- the test date
- the test centre your child will be attending on the test day
- what to bring on the day

Miss Sze Assistant Principal

James Foley

LIBRARY NEWS

Library Special

HAPPENINGS

We were so lucky to be able to link up via Zoom with the fabulous Australian author and illustrator James Foley.

All K-6 children took part and although some missed the live session due to Naplan they were able to take part in the recorded session afterwards











ELECTIONS - DATE EXTENSION

The executive committee is the leadership team that steers the association and sub committees towards their goals. It consists of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and up to 6 elected Association members.

NOMINATION FORMS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE OFFICE OR DOWNLOADED FROM OUR WEBSITE. All nomination forms need to be handed in to the office by Monday 7 April with a gold coin

Below is a list of roles to be nominated on and their role description :

- President The President has the responsibility to ensure the successful functioning of the association. This includes achieving its goals, encouraging fair participation of all members and adherence to the constitution. They must run (Chair) all meetings and may represent the association at official functions and act as the association spokesperson.
- Vice President The Vice President assists the President to lead and support the committee. If the President is unable to perform any of their duties, the Vice President will be asked to stand in their place.
- Secretary The Secretary is the administrative officer of the association. They are required to attend all meetings, write the meeting agenda (in consultation with the President) and take notes during the meeting to produce the minutes of the meeting. It is the secretary's responsibility to keep records of correspondence and other information.
- Treasurer The Treasurer is responsible for sound financial management of the association. The treasurer keeps records of all monies in and out and must present a formal financial statement at every meeting.
- Other Positions Often other committees such as fundraising committees are formed. Members of these committees are responsible for conducting the set objectives of that committee. Once the set objectives are reached that committee may no longer be required. Extra support may also be required from time to time to assist with special events.



HOW TO USE SCHOOL BYTES

The school uses School Bytes to accept payments for things such as an excursion and in school visits.

Download the School Bytes app from your app store.



Press on Create an account.

An email will be sent to the email address nominated so that you can verify your access.

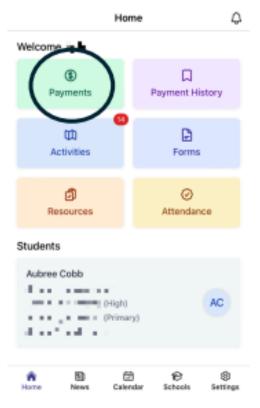
IMPORTANT: To ensure that the registration process works smoothly, and you can link your account to your child/ren, make sure that you use the same email address that you have provided to the school.

Once account is created you will need to go into the app to login. Once logged in it should ask for your child/ren's name, school, grade & date of birth.

Once your child/ren is found you can make payments through the app, by going into **Payments**. This will then take you to everything that is owing for child/ren.

Please note: Transactions made through the online payment portal will appear on your bank statement as **OSCHOOLSONLINE 0000 PARRAMATTA AU.**

Example of School Bytes App home screen.



Once an account has been set up, you are able to access the app and pay any owing money through it.

Please Note: Any excursion notes will still need to be signed and returned to school.

Congratulations to the following students who will receive their major merit awards during our assemblies

Assistant Principal Award

Owaisi 1S	Sidratul 60
Sara 1U	Adam E 60
Adrita 2M	Aymen 60
Trixie 2T	Farhana 60
Mohammad B 2T	Nadman 6T
Ar-Rashdan 3M	Aman 6T
Farazana 3W	Malak 6T
Jihad 3W	Shemar 6T
Armaan 4D	Moana S-C
Fotoon 4G	Mikaeel S-C
Siraj 4G	Jarif S-C
Khalid 4G	Majd S-M
Anam 5B	Ali S-M
Nooriva 5T	Zaroon S-M
Ashwara 5T	Aya S-M
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Principal Award

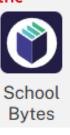
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ON LINE PAYMENTS

Did you know that you can make online payments for your child for excursions and other school activities? Just visit the **School Bytes** app (details are included in this newsletter and also on our website).

NOTE : Please make sure to send back the signed permission note with the receipt number included so the school is aware that the payment has been made.





We will be holding our annual Public Speaking Competition early in Term 2.

In Class Competitions

Your child's classroom teacher will be conducting an in class competition where all students will participate on the following dates:

3-6 – Term 2, Week 1

K-2 – Term 2, Week 1

The rules and topics for each stage group will be provided on a note that will go out to each student before the end of the term.

School Finals Competition

Your child's classroom teacher will select two students to represent their class at the School Finals Competition.

Students who are selected from their class competition will be required to deliver a prepared speech on their chosen topic on the day of the competition, as well as an impromptu speech on a topic **given to them on the day**.

Years 5 and 6 Students: Term 2, Week 2 - Wednesday 7 May 2025

Years 3 and 4 Students: Term 2, Week 2 - Wednesday 7 May 2025

Kindergarten Students: Term 2, Week 3 - Wednesday 14 May 2025

Year 1 and 2 Students: Term 2, Week 3 - Wednesday 14 May 2025



Please note that this is a **STUDENT ONLY** event.

3-6 students who place first in their School Finals Competition will go on to represent the school at the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition later in Term 2.

Wiley Park Public School Public Speaking Committee



Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 10 April, Wiley Park Public School will be having our first Acknowledgement Day for the year.

This is a day where the students who have demonstrated positive behaviours throughout the term and who are on Bronze level or above, are recognised and acknowledged. This is part of our School Welfare and Discipline Policy.

On this day, students are invited to wear casual clothing suitable for games and sporting activities. Students must wear appropriate clothing (no singlets or pyjama-style clothing) and wear closed in shoes and school hat.

The students will be taking part in various fun activities throughout the day with their year groups. If it is wet weather, all activities will take place inside. Every student in the school will receive a small surprise to acknowledge their hard work throughout the term.

Students who are below Bronze Level will not be participating in Acknowledgement Day and must come dressed in their full school uniform.



Mr Forman Assistant Principal Wiley Park Public School

2M NARRATIVES

In Writing, 2M have been learning about telling interesting stories by creating detailed narratives. They have listened to Anna Walker's story of '*Peggy*'and decided to reimagine the main character, Peggy, as a Super Chicken. 2M wrote many stories of their superpowered chicken going on action filled adventures to save the day (and her pigeon friends). 2M have also used their artistic talent to create a wonderful poster of their own Super Peggy, using a variety of art and craft materials.



1E MATHEMATICIANS

1E begin their journey as mathematicians, exploring numbers, shapes, and patterns. Through hands-on activities, they develop problem solving skills and discover the fun and excitement in learning.









INTRODUCING 1U

In IU we are working hard and making the most of every school day. We love doing art and exploring different colours and shapes. We are learning to log onto a computer and are improving our typing skills. Every day we are reading and writing in class. We also have lots of fun in Maths playing games with dice and cards to improve our mental strategies. It has been a great start to the year!



What Does Anxiety Look Like in Children?

Children With Anxiety May...



Feeling anxious is normal for kids, and it can even help them in some situations. When anxiety is manageable, it can prepare your child for challenges and help them build confidence and strength.

But anxiety can be a problem when it affects your child's daily life. Signs of unhealthy anxiety include feeling more anxious than other kids, not wanting to go to school or hang out with friends and having fears that seem too big for what is happening.

Teach Your Child how to Breathe

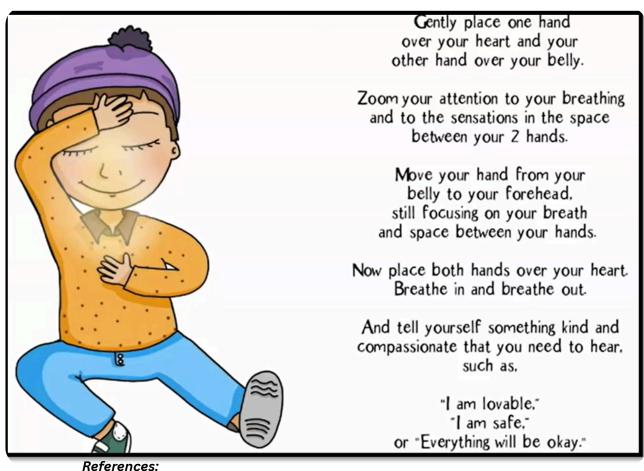
If your child is feeling anxious, you can help them by teaching them how to breathe. This method is simple, but it works very well.

Ask your child to place their hand on the part of their body that feels anxious. Then, they should take deep, slow breaths and pay attention to that spot. If their mind starts to wander or think of other things, gently remind them to focus on their breathing. You can tell your child:

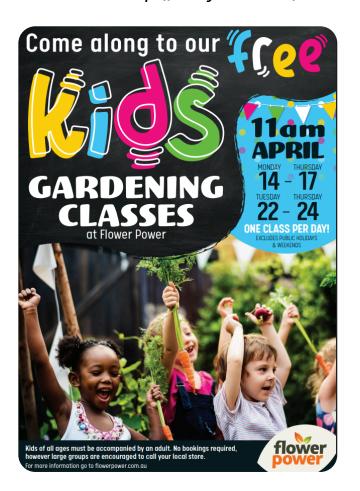
When we feel anxious, we often start to worry and think about bad things that might happen. These thoughts can make us feel even more worried. That's why it is important to pay attention to our breathing instead. Focusing on our breath can help us feel safe and calm.

Helen Arfanis School Counsellor

SCHOOL COUNSELLOR CORNER CONT'D



https://www.rwapsych.com.au/blog/what-does-anxiety-look-like-in-children/ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GKlELrJeUQ4



KINDERGARTEN 2026

Do you have someone turning 5 before 31 July 2026?

We are taking enrolments now.

Please come to the school office for the enrolment form and further information about the documents needed.



2B INVESTIGATORS IN SCIENCE

It's been a busy start to Term 1 in 2B. We have been learning new concepts and ideas in the key learning areas and how to get along with one another. In Science we have been learning about living things, examining the water cycle and learning some technical vocabulary. During Science and CAPA lessons we have created our own water cycles.





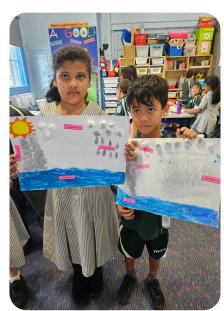


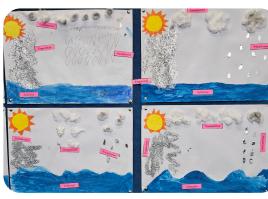


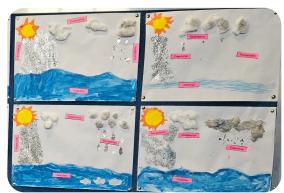
















60 have been inspired by their study of the book "Storm Boy" by Colin Thiele to build models of the characters and environments in the story.























GO4FUN

Students had a fantastic time visiting Woolworths to learn about the nutritional content of everyday foods. They compared food labels and discovered how to make healthier choices.

































MAXWELL L. FULLER INVITATIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

On Friday 28 March, six students from Wiley Park Public School travelled to Canterbury Boys High School to participate in the Maxwell L. Fuller Invitational Chess Tournament. The students that represented our school were Ramin, Nadman, Ruwayfe, Khalid, Shahab and Walid.

Schools represented were Ashbury PS, Canterbury PS, Canterbury South PS, Ashfield PS, Earlwood PS, Lakemba PS, Campsie PS and Wiley Park PS. In total 86 students participated in the tournament.

The quality of competition was high. All students from Wiley Park represented our school proudly and gave their best effort. Ramin was our top placed student finishing 3rd overall, an outstanding achievement! *Mr Unicomb*



2025 HARMONY DAY

It was a wonderful week of activities to include Harmony Day on 18 March 2025. Classrooms took part in different activities to celebrate the message "**Harmony we all have a role to play**." Our School Band delighted the many members of the community who came along to watch them in a spectacular performance of "Oge Como Va". Year 6 joined together to form a Sama Bateria and performed "El Matador". This is a song by Argentinian rock band, Les Fabulosos Cadillacs.





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HARMONY DAY CONTINUED

























MORE HARMONY DAY





















Students in 2B enjoyed the James Foley author talk. They loved the story and embraced the Harmony Day message of acceptance and kindness.











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SACC NEWS

What a wonderful first term we have had in the Community Room, as we welcome existing and new families who are joining our programs.

During Term 1, our SaCC continues to deliver regular weekly programs for early learners and their parents.

Programs included are Early Learning Playgroups and Parent Child Mother Goose Program.

The after-school program GO4FUN has been well received with 19 children attending from ages 7 – 13yrs. Children and their parents have been attending every Tuesday afternoon to learn about healthy eating, promoting physical activity and improving self-esteem.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM at Wiley Park Public School, will be on again these school holidays, for 4 DAYS ONLY.

Please check the attached flyer for all details. Don't forget to register for this program.

PCYC have some alternate holiday activities you may like to attend. Information and program details are attached.

If you are interested, I have limited free vouchers. (1 voucher per family) You can also use your Creative & Active Kids vouchers.

If you would like more information or have any questions regarding any programs that are offered in the Community Room, please contact: Lia Gioulis on 9750-0144 or Email: lia.gioulis@det.nsw.edu.au

Look out for SaCC news on the <u>|</u> <u>Wiley Park Public School Facebook</u> page.



MORE FROM SACC





Playgroup











Mother Goose





MORE FROM SACC







Jersey Day Autumn 25 PCYC Bankstown

Wed 23rd of April

Autumn School Holidays sees the return of our Jersey Day. On the day, dress your children in their respective team, country or representative jerseys to celebrate our passions for sport!









CHILDREN WILL GET ACTIVE AND HAVE FUN!



And more! Book 2 days, and get the 3rd day 50% off!

Active and Creative kids vouchers accepted.





Healthy Heart Day Autumn 25

> PCYC Bankstown Wed 16th of April

Autumn School Holidays sees the return of our Healthy Heart Day. This day places a high focus on children learning the importance on physical

health and exercise!



REGISTER NOW!

